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REPORT

Brandenburg-Arado Airfield

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25X1 EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

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DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 18 December 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. The following observations were made at Brandenburg-Arado airfield between 4 and 18 November 1953:

4 November. No activity was observed at the field.

5 November. Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., local flying was practiced by Il-10s [REDACTED]

6 and 7 November. No air activity was conducted. There was hazy and dull weather.

9 November. Between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., local flights were made by a Po-2.

10 and 11 November. There was no air activity although the weather was fair on 11 November.

12 November. Maintenance work was being done on the aircraft, and individual engines were started for test runs. Four Il-10s were towed into hangar No 4 where maintenance work was started on the aircraft.

13 November. At about 8:30 a.m., Il-10s were being refueled. Between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., local flights were made by Il-10s [REDACTED]

14 and 15 November. No air activity was observed. Thirty-eight Il-10s were parked on the eastern edge of the field.

16 November. Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., there was air activity [REDACTED]

17 November. No air activity was observed. Maintenance work was being done on the aircraft.

18 November. The aircraft were being refueled around 9 a.m. and air activity was started at 10 a.m. [REDACTED]

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[redacted] Il-10s involved in air activity which lasted up to 1 p.m. 1

2. Two 37-mm AA guns were identified in the AA gun emplacement in the northern section of the field outside of the fence. Three soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts were observed at each gun. 2 At the beginning of November, the field was more strictly guarded than previously. Two VP men on bicycles and accompanied by dogs patrolled around the field during air activity.

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3. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 12 and 25 November:

12 November. Between 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., individual flights were made by 3 or 4 Il-10s each of which circled 2 or 3 times over the field. During the noon hours, 23 canvas-covered Il-10s were counted at the field.

13 November. During the afternoon, 23 aircraft were observed at the field.

24 November. Individual local flights were made by 3 or 4 Il-10s after 10:30 a.m. Air activity was discontinued at 3:45 p.m.

25 November. Two Il-10s with red propeller hubs and red upper edges on the rudder assemblies [redacted] were parked in the eastern corner of the field in front of shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments. Four or 5 Il-10s were observed in hangar No 4. Shortly after 10:15 a.m., three Il-10s took off for 20-minute flights. After the landing of the aircraft, another 3 Il-10s took off and remained aloft for 20 minutes. These flights were repeated several times. 1

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1. [redacted] Comment. Brandenburg-Adado airfield is still occupied by a ground attack regiment with about 40 Il-10s [redacted] There was little air activity apparently because of unfavorable weather during most of the time.

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2. [redacted] Comment. In addition to this AA gun emplacement, another one with 4 x 37-mm AA guns is known to be located in the western section of the field.

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